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FOR: COMPOSITION COMPRISING VISCOUS FIBERS AND VISCOSITY  
LOWERING PROTEINS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments To The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.